Approved 09/12/2013

**Exeter Fire District** 

(August 14, 2013)

Call to Order

Chairman Scott Kettelle called the August 14th special meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 6:08pm. Commissioners Kettelle, Rooney, Slater, Franklin, Aker and Nievera were present. Attorney Peter Ruggiero was also present. There was one member of the public in attendance.

# **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

# **Previous Month's Minutes**

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Rooney second) acceptance of the minutes of the August 8th meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.

# **Communications**

Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail has been given to the treasurer for her action. Mr. Kettelle reported that he had received a letter from Citizens Bank relative to his signature being added to the list of authorized signatories on our account.

# **New Business**

Mr. Rooney moved (Mr. Aker second) pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4 & 5(a) (2) Potential Litigation (Dissolution of rescue service company), that the board enter into executive session. The roll call vote was unanimous. Executive session was entered at 6:12pm.

#### Call to Order

Chairman Scott Kettelle called the August 14th executive session meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 6:12pm. Commissioners Kettelle, Rooney, Slater, Franklin, Aker and Nievera were present. Attorney, Peter Ruggiero was also present.

## **New Business**

Mr. Kettelle gave a historical timeline of the Public Safety organizations including the Rescue Corps and the Fire District for the benefit of Mr. Ruggiero.

The discussion centered on the ability of the Exeter Fire District to receive the operational control of the Exeter Rescue Corps should they decide to cease operations come January 1, 2014, and the process whereby that control would be transferred. The interim chief, president, assistant chief and treasurer have informed the fire district of their intention to resign effective January 1, 2014.

Also discussed was the logistics as to how this "take over" would

be handled. With all the officers of the corporation leaving, an entire new set of responsible people would be needed to run the day to day operations. Several names were put out for discussion; No decisions were made; No votes were taken.

Another meeting, this one with the officers of the Rescue Corps in attendance, will be scheduled in the near future.

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Nievera second) closing the executive session at 7:41 pm. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Nievera second) returning to the public meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous.

It was agreed that Mr. Ruggiero would be utilized as the board's legal advisor for the Rescue Corps issues.

After a short discussion Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Rooney second) allowing Mr. Ruggiero to contact Mr. Mosca, the Exeter Rescue solicitor, to begin discussions relative to the acquisition of the Exeter Rescue Corps. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ruggiero will contact Mr. Kettelle or Mr. Rooney when he feels the need for another meeting.

# **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Exeter Fire District will be held on Thursday, 09/12/2013. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public Library and will begin at 7:00pm.

# **Adjournment**

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Nievera second) adjournment at 7:47 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Nievera, Clerk

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